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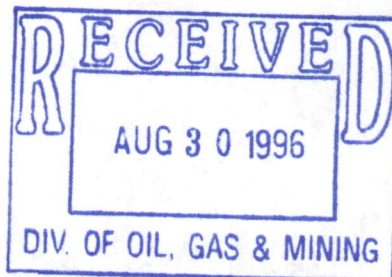
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Mr. Ed King  
Jumbo Mining Company  
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Dear Mr. King:

Subject: Your letter dated August 6, 1996

I have reviewed your letter of August 6, 1996. You have not presented any new information which would cause the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) to change its position on the need to take action at the Drum Mine site to stop the ongoing discharge of contaminants. As we have stated earlier, the major problem is that many important factors in the subsurface related to the potential for ground water contamination are unknown and evaluating these factors would require a major investigation which may not be cost-effective.

It remains this agencies position that dealing with the source of contamination should be the first priority for expending any available resources. Other residual issues will only be addressed as priorities and resources dictate.

At this point our first priority for stopping the discharge of contaminants is being considered in the pending actions by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. Although we have proposed other acceptable solutions to these ground water concerns, we would like to see some solutions implemented as soon as possible to prevent further ground water pollution.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Novak, Environmental Scientist  
Ground Water Protection Section

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cc: Wayne Hedberg, DOGM  
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